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Jerry D. Olds, P.E.
Utah State Engineer
Utah Division of Water Rights
1594 West North Temple, #220
Salt Lake City, UT 84116-3156

Re: Instructions for Distribution of Water on Thistle Creek of July 2002

Dear Mr. Olds:

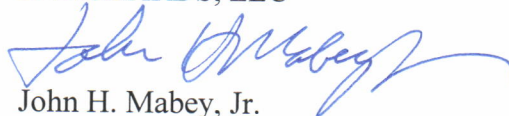
I am writing on behalf of Cal Lasson, Lasson Land & Investment Company and the Kate Lasson Trust (the latter has water rights listed in the name of Glenn D. Lasson). Mr. Lasson's water use this year has apparently been caught up in a controversy between Mr. Wilding, and Ryan Ostler and Emil Mitchell. Mr. Lasson was asked to no longer divert water from his spring. He has cooperated, and appreciates your office's efforts and the temporary solution reached with the Hubbs water right (approved Temporary Change t26991 (51-69)).

Mr. Lasson, however, wishes to go on record that he objects to the distribution instructions and actions of the river commissioner in shutting off his full rights to the spring. See attached letter dated July 17, 2002. He finds no justification for the water to be distributed according to the priority dates used by the river commissioner. For example, no priority date was even claimed under WR# 51-69. If water users are to suffer cutbacks to the earliest priority, each priority date should be justified by the water user by either a decree or some other documentation. The distribution of water for most of the water rights is governed by previous decrees. Mr. Lasson does not think these decrees support the distribution instructions and that the instructions should be rescinded until the priority dates are properly documented and verified.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact me concerning these issues.

Sincerely,

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cc: Cal Lasson

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